

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: April 5, 2010

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Ken Robl, Highway Committee Chairman
Joanne Sievert, Highway Committee Member
Robert Warnke, Highway Committee Member
Tim Hamblin, Highway Committee Member
David Albrecht, Highway Committee Member
John Haese, Highway Commissioner

ALSO

PRESENT: John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive
Lt. William Anthes, Winnebago Co. Sheriff's Dept.
Kathi Sawall, Town of Nekimi citizen

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robl at 9:00 a.m. A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Sievert to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2010 committee meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Robl asked if there was any input on any agenda items by the public. There was no input from the public.

Commissioner Haese stated he received data from the WisDoT regarding accident history at the locations of CTH N, CTH I and Fisk Avenue. The records show that during the years from 1999 – 2009 there were 10 reportable accidents at those locations. According to information he received from the Sheriff's Department there have been five incidents within the last year in that same general area. Commissioner Haese stated he wants to discuss criteria or warrants with the WisDoT regarding installation of a four-way stop sign condition at CTH I and N. Mr. Haese reminded the Highway Committee that there will be a roundabout constructed at the intersection of CTH I and CTH N as part of the CTH I reconstruction project in a few years. Supervisor Hamblin stated he would like to see more information on the incidents that occurred in that area, including type, contributing factors, etc. Mr. Hamblin also stated he heard that there may be more federal stimulus funds becoming available later this year so he suggested Commissioner Haese be ready with a project if that occurs.

Commissioner Haese stated that due to weather conditions this winter, which resulted in minor depths of ground frost, Winnebago County had not posted any county highways with weight limit restrictions. He stated that his staff will continue to monitor several areas that may need permanent restrictions in the future. They include CTH FF from STH 91 to STH 44 and CTH M south of Pickett (STH 44). A weight restriction and posting of these highways may be necessary if the integrity of the road is threatened.

Roundabouts were discussed. Commissioner Haese stated that he contacted both Ayres Associates (CTH T Project) and Mead & Hunt (CTH A Project) to notify them Winnebago County does not wish to spend the additional dollars necessary to design and construct roundabouts at the intersections with CTH G, CTH GG, and Indian Point Road. Roundabouts were eliminated from the design process at those locations so they will be designed as standard type intersections. However, there will be a roundabout constructed at the intersection of CTH T and CTH Y.

The proposed Highway Department satellite facility was discussed. Commissioner Haese stated that the department is continuing to work on the land issues with the Planning and Zoning Department. An engineering firm estimated the construction costs for the 6,000 square foot building at approximately \$45.00/sq ft. which equals \$270,000. Funds will also be necessary for site costs, mound and well installation and design fees. The total cost of the project may approach an estimated cost of \$450,000. Mr. Haese stated that after he gets the land issues resolved he would suggest having a design firm provide the complete design details, then put the project out for bids to see what the actual cost for the project may be before proceeding further.

General Operations:

- Commissioner Haese has been invited to emcee a Work Zone Awareness program scheduled in Oshkosh on Abraham Street (behind Mueller Chrysler) beginning at 10:00 a.m. on April 19, 2010. Commissioner Haese invited the Committee members to attend. That would normally be the next scheduled Highway Committee Meeting, but since the newly appointed board members will not be seated, the Committee meeting for that day has been cancelled.
- The Highway Department total winter budget to date is at 47.33%. The department has sufficient salt in stock for the remainder of the 2010 season. The Highway Department has expended 22% of their total budget for 2010.
- Supervisor Warnke asked what the status is of the Highway Department regarding razing the old buildings at Park View. Commissioner Haese stated Mike Elder, Director of Facilities & Maintenance, is working bid specifications prior to a bid letting for the project.
- Commissioner Haese stated he was contacted by Rob Way, Parks Director, regarding a strip of land adjacent to CTH CB totaling 1.8 acres that they propose to use for construction of a dog park.
- Supervisor Albrecht questioned Commissioner Haese about his involvement when realtors contact the department about remnant parcels of land that could be developed. Mr. Haese explained that when the remnant parcel is adjacent to a state highway it is held in trust for WisDoT by Winnebago County, but the property is actually owned by the state. If the county has a remnant parcel of land along a county trunk highway it is normally deeded back to the adjacent property owner or is offered for sale if it is a significant parcel of land.
- Commissioner Haese stated he was contacted by the Town of Menasha regarding a request for access to CTH CB north of Shady Lane in order to beginning filling an area for a future park. Mr. Haese stated that the county would request that the town provide a detailed drainage plan for this area prior to approving an access permit for the site.

A motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Sievert to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary